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AFC Grants redefine the call to *imagine more*

IN 2023 THE ANGLICAN Foundation of Canada (AFC) awarded the three largest grants in its history—totalling \$130,000—thanks to new Category C grants of up to \$50,000. This exceptional granting opportunity was created by the AFC Board in late 2022 to enable the Foundation to be a more flexible funding partner in cases where a diocese might want to rally around a single transformational project.

2023 Category C Grants

Diocese of Huron: \$50,000

Impact Zone: Community Ministry

On September 28, the Huron Farmworkers Ministry (HFM)

received \$50,000 to expand its outreach to the more than 20,000 migrant farmworkers living in the Haldimand–Norfolk area of the Diocese of Huron. Operationally, HFM now includes the Anglican churches that make up the five-point parish of Long Point Bay.

HFM provides both spiritual and practical support: pastoral care, food, fellowship, but also clothing, transportation support, and education and advocacy with respect to workers' rights. "It was our natural response to a pastoral challenge," says the Rev. Enrique Martinez, Director of HFM and priest-in-charge at the Anglican Parish of Long Point Bay, "providing

▲ HFM's multi-church partnership means many foreign workers have safe places where they can feel at home.

additional support for thousands of foreign workers who otherwise live in isolation across rural Ontario."

Diocese of the Arctic: \$50,000

Impact Zones: Indigenous Ministries, Leadership & Education

In the Diocese of the Arctic, \$50,000 will be invested in *Pilimmaksarniq*—a community-centred training initiative informed by the Inuit value of learning skills through observation, practice, and effort.

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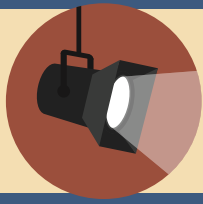
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Legacy Spotlight

Support for Seniors

Since it was established in 2006, the LeSueur and Althera Brodie Fund has provided approximately \$700,000 to more than 65 applicants in support of projects that benefit seniors.

“So many of the Diverse Infrastructure applications we receive place an emphasis on accessibility,” says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. “For worshipping congregations who are aging, the Brodie Fund has helped to set many Anglican churches in Canada on the path to accessibility to better serve older Canadians.”

The Ven. Michael Read, Incumbent, Parish of the St. Lawrence, Brockville, in the Diocese of Ontario, says he is grateful for the \$15,000 boost his St. Lawrence Accessibility Project received from the Brodie Fund in 2023. “Saint Lawrence Church

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Executive Director’s Message



Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director

Celebrating Abundance

ABUNDANCE. IT’S AN uplifting word, and one that appears frequently in Scripture. It’s often voiced around the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) too. When anxieties about market performance run high, or the unpredictable dynamic of the supply of funds versus the demand for grants leaves us toiling over spreadsheets, abundance remains our touchstone. It reminds us that we are a people of hope and faith, and that we can trust in God that there will be more than enough.

I will always look back on 2023 as a year when AFC served the Anglican

Church of Canada in a spirit of abundance. We gave our best, and even during moments of risk or uncertainty, we agreed to err on the side of abundance, for the good of the church.

In 2023 the combined efforts of our staff, volunteers, donors, and grant recipients helped us to achieve our most generous year ever, with total grants exceeding \$1.1 Million to 140 recipients across 28 dioceses. We supported the national church through grants to General Synod, PWRDF, the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, and theological colleges across the country. We awarded the three largest grants in AFC history, thanks to the launch of our new Category C grants. And we established a new Community Ministries Fund with initial capital of \$2 Million, which will allow us to continue to drive change and innovation across the Anglican Church.

To all AFC supporters and members across the country, I want to thank you for your participation in this abundance. May the same spirit of generosity guide us through 2024 as we work together to pursue a better and more hopeful future for the Anglican Church in Canada. ■

Thank You to our Donors!

2023 was a very generous year as AFC members and donors responded to the annual fundraising effort, expected to total more than \$192,000—AFC’s most successful annual campaign to date. This includes both annual memberships and donations to AFC’s core granting impact zones.

“These results reflect a deepening bond between Canadian Anglicans and their national foundation,” says Scott Brubacher. “Noteworthy was an increase of 15% in the average donation amount from our member churches. I have been deeply moved to see the number of churches willing to increase their commitment to AFC.”



▲ AFC staff and members of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, celebrate a longstanding membership relationship at the November 2023 Diocese of Toronto Synod.



Largest-ever Grants

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“Our biggest challenge is that we have 16 full-time clergy, and we minister in 49 communities,” says the Ven. Alexander Pryor, Archdeacon of the Arctic. “Fifty-three clergy have retired since 2002 and only five have been trained to replace them.”

Pilimmaksarniq was launched in November 2023 and will run until April 2024 in several communities. “Some of the training will support lay readers in being able to do the daily work of the church,” says Pryor. “Some will be geared towards training vestry members on taking the minutes at meetings or keeping accurate financial records—things that are required for the operation of a congregation.”

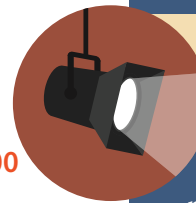
Pryor explains, “There are people in their 20s and early 30s who are willing to be trained. And then we have people who have been doing the work faithfully for generations, who are now in their 80s or 90s. Our task is to connect these two groups so that the torch can be passed.”

For more information on AFC’s Category C grants, visit anglicanfoundation.org/apply.

Diocese of Moosonee: \$30,000 Impact Zone: Diverse Infrastructure

In the Diocese of Moosonee, a \$30,000 grant to Archbishop Anderson Memorial Church in Cochrane, Ontario, will be used to do much-needed work on the church’s foundation and basement to address the negative impact of freeze-thaw cycles. “When the water came in, the ministry dried up,” says the Rev. Canon Patricia Dorland. In early 2023, prompted by a request to use the church basement to host a First Nations step-dancing class, the parish seized on the opportunity to address the challenge. “I knew this was going to be a significant capital project,” says Dorland. “But I also knew that we needed to find a way to make our church safe, friendly, and welcoming again.”

Dorland says “the Category C grant has allowed us to have a bigger vision. The fact that we couldn’t use the basement was making people’s vision of ministry diminish. We were thinking too small. We’re a parish known for generous hospitality, and this funding has enabled the church to think big again.” ■



Seniors continued



Lt. Col. LeSueur Brodie

ministry in our community includes a weekly seniors’ program, which provides diabetic and wellness check-ups, low-impact exercise, memory-strengthening exercises, and a light lunch. The future of our parish depends on our having a fully accessible facility, for people of all abilities, but most especially for our older citizens.”

“A central component of AFC’s work is to connect donors to their philanthropic goals,” says Brubacher. The project-to-donor alignment effort, as evidenced with the Brodie Fund, ensures that AFC’s benefactors are at the centre of the conversation. “The intentions of these donors remain present with us during all our granting deliberations.”

Lieutenant Colonel LeSueur Brodie (April 13, 1905—May 7, 1988), was invested into the Order of Canada in April 1977 for distinguished service. He and his wife, Althera Brodie, who passed away in 2005 in her 101st year, were parishioners of St. Leonard’s Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto. ■

Say Yes! to Kids

The 2024 *Say Yes! to Kids* (SYTK) campaign will launch on Tuesday, April 2 and close on Sunday, June 30. A new campaign component will be a liturgical resource to promote the celebration of *Say Yes! to Kids* Sunday on June 2. This will provide a spiritual focal point for the SYTK movement and will be a flexible resource that any church can use, whether it has an active campaign or not.

The hope is that Anglican parishes across Canada will join forces on that Sunday, or another Sunday in the season of Pentecost, to celebrate children, youth, and young adults in our midst and pray for the creativity and compassion to make young people a vital part of the fabric of our church.

For more information visit: anglicanfoundation.org/sytk2024



CANADIAN ANGLICANS PUT on their green-coloured glasses in 2023 and responded passionately and creatively to AFC's Request for Proposals (RFP) under the theme: *Viriditas*—God's Greening Power. "We received a number of applications, and in the end the Board provided \$75,500 in funding to eleven projects in nine dioceses," says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. "The initiatives showed incredible diversity in terms of ministry impact and reflected the goals of the RFP, which were to emphasize creation care—but also the broader theme of newness, of God's greening or regenerative power at work in the church."

Select 2023 RFP Grants

Niagara Communion Forest: \$7,500
Climate Justice Niagara, Hamilton, ON (Diocese of Niagara)

"Through this grant, Climate Justice Niagara will assist parishes with tree inventories to assess their properties for planting and participating in this global initiative of hope and renewal."
—DEIRDRE PIKE, JUSTICE AND OUTREACH, PROGRAM CONSULTANT

Free Music Literacy Course: \$15,000
Capella Regalis Choirs, Halifax, NS (Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI)

"Our free, online music literacy course will aid churches, choirs, community groups and individuals across Canada on their musical journeys by unlocking the language of music." —VANESSA HALLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Community Garden: \$5,000
St. Paul's, Rothesay, NB (Diocese of Fredericton)

"We are thrilled that we have been awarded an RFP. This gardening project will be for our seniors, our parishioners, children of the after-school program and the community at large." —PAM IYPE, ADMINISTRATOR

Wild Lectionary Blog: \$15,000
Salal + Cedar, Vancouver, BC (Diocese of New Westminster)

"Salal + Cedar is incredibly pleased to have been awarded an RFP. This will allow us to expand our climate-focused lectionary project into a resource for churches to use all year."
—THE REV. LAUREL DYKSTRA, PRIEST

Community Contemplation Garden: \$4,000
St. Hildegard's Sanctuary, Vancouver, BC (Diocese of New Westminster)

"The garden will expand the contemplative practice of the church community, and add beauty, vitality, and spiritual succor to the broader community who seek outdoor spaces for social connection and respite."
—THE REV. MELANIE CALABRIGO, GATHERING PRIEST

St. Philip's Garden of Hope: \$4,000
St. Philip by the Sea, Lantzville, BC (Diocese of Islands and Inlets)

"The very welcome grant from the Anglican Foundation will allow us to make the view of the church building more visible and welcoming to the community." —MAUREEN LAWRENCE, ADMINISTRATOR

Food Programming and the Multi-Faith University Chaplaincy: \$5,000
St. Alban's, Ottawa, ON (Diocese of Ottawa)

"Thank you for supporting our work to feed the hungry in our neighbourhood and take first steps towards addressing the issue of student poverty and food insecurity at the University of Ottawa."
—THE REV. MICHAEL GARNER, INCUMBENT

Community Raised Garden Bed: \$5,000

St. George's, Moncton, NB (Diocese of Fredericton)

"We are excited about connecting people of all walks of life, teaching those who are interested about the wonder of God's Creation and encouraging community partnerships in downtown Moncton." —THE REV. CHRIS VANBUSKIRK, INCUMBENT

Letting Youth Voices be Heard: \$5,000

St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, ON (Diocese of Ontario)

"Funding for the debut album of our Young People's Recording Studio will be a game-changer for the church's arts outreach, helping us to take our 'no regrets policy' of investing in young people to the next level."
—CHRIS YEOMANS, CHURCHWARDEN ■



to AFC's monthly news update at anglicanfoundation.org/subscribe to receive up-to-date news and announcements about the 2024 RFP and other funding opportunities.



r Green-Themed Ministries

Viriditas is AFC's 8th Request for Proposals (RFP) since 2014 and brings the total of this special funding stream to **more than \$840,000**. Most of these projects have been community-centred and have encouraged churches to be bold, reaching new audiences in ways that would not have happened apart from AFC's funding opportunity. The 2024 RFP theme will be announced in the spring.



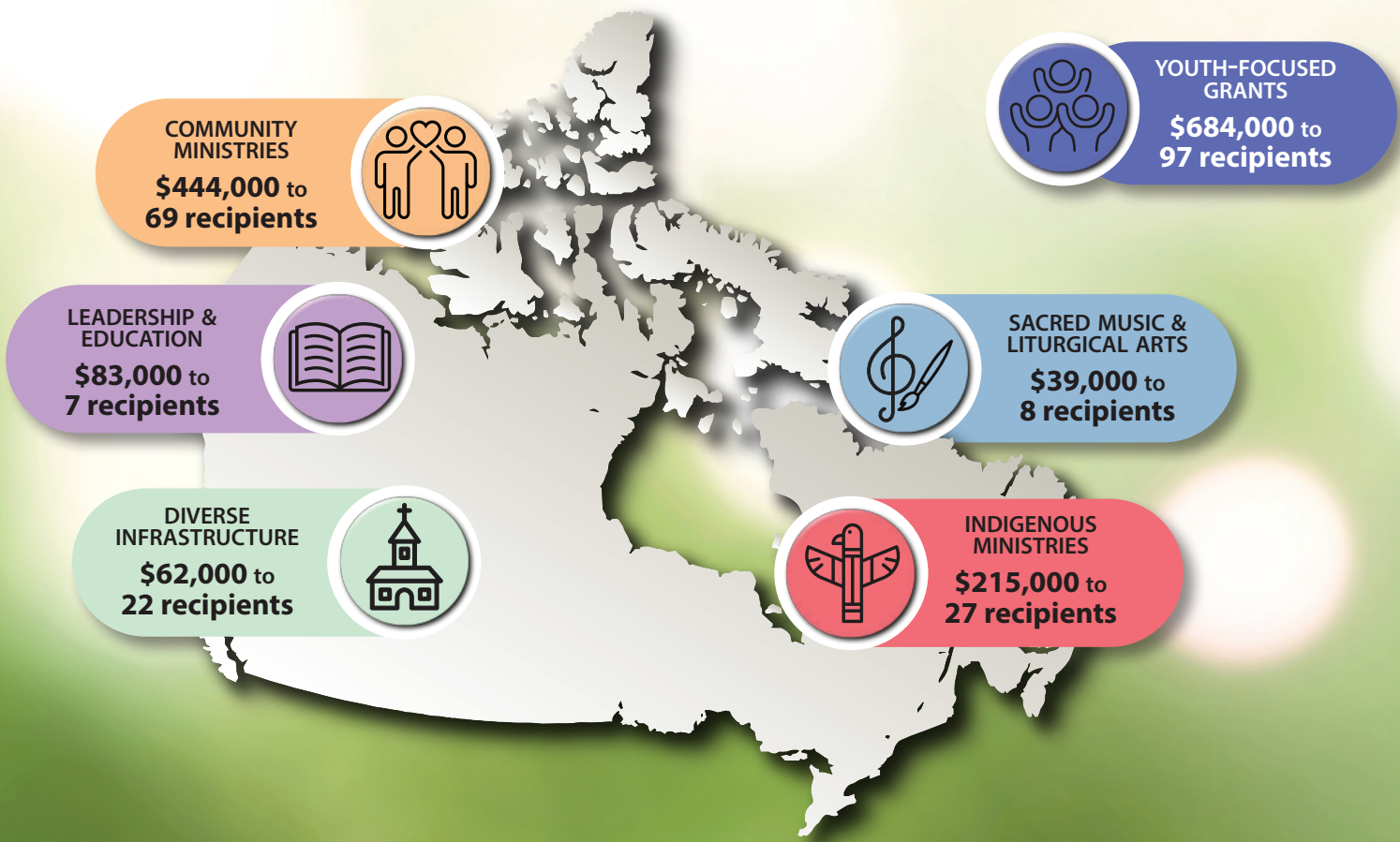
RFPs Through the Years

- 2014—Youth Leadership
- 2015—Interfaith Initiatives
- 2016—The Calls to Action of the TRC
- 2017—Innovative Ministry Projects
- 2020—Climate Change
- 2021—*Say Yes! to Kids*
- 2022—Indigenous Ministries
- 2023—*Viriditas* —God's Greening Power

RFP Impact Zones 2014 to present

\$843,000 to 133 recipients

Totals include



\$2 MILLION for New Community Ministries Fund

THIS PAST NOVEMBER, the AFC Board of Directors approved a transfer from surplus loan and contingency funds to create a new Community Ministry Fund with initial capital of \$2 Million. From rural villages to small towns to major urban centres, Canadian Anglicans are answering the call to be the hands and feet of Christ in the

world: feeding the hungry, supporting the sick, welcoming the stranger, and so much more. AFC's Community Ministries Fund seeks to build the church's capacity to respond to these needs. Here are two stories of Community Ministries that received grants from AFC in 2023.



▲ Hot lunches at St. Bart's are a truly magical experience: the positive energy is palpable.

Feeding our Need for Connection: \$15,000

Parish of St. Aidan & St. Bartholomew, Gibsons, BC (Diocese of New Westminster)

Funding from AFC will build sustainability into an existing parish food ministry. This church-based program is filling a service gap in Gibsons and will help to grow partnerships with other community agencies who seek to improve food and shelter programs for vulnerable people. St. Bart's is committed to providing support to vulnerable people who live on the margins. ■



▲ Bob Searle has volunteered his time and tractor to give this green field a new purpose.

Sowing Seeds, Growing Community: \$5,000

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Goulds, NL (Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador)

Capitalizing on the farming skills and knowledge of parishioners, the people of St. Paul's are addressing food insecurity in their community by using a plot of land across the street from the church to grow food for distribution to local food banks. The AFC grant is supporting the purchase of seeds, fertilizer, tools, fuel, and other supplies to operationalize the project. ■